

## LANGLEY OPPOSES CIVIL SERVICE

Tenth District Congressman Tells of His Own Experience in Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Langley took part in the debate on the census bill in the House yesterday, opposing the proposition to have census enumerators chosen after competitive examination.

He was formerly Appointment Clerk of the Census Bureau, and asserts that his experience showed that enumerators of the twelfth census who were not chosen by Civil Service examinations were men exceedingly well qualified for their work.

For nearly five hours the House considered the bill and passed it without material change.

## ONE KILLED SEVERAL HURT NEAR JACKSON

Woodwork of Bridge Gives Way With Dreadful Results.

While at work putting up a bridge on Lost Creek, about ten miles above Jackson, part of the woodwork gave away, instantly killing Kelly Hoskins, of Jackson, a former brakeman on the Lexington & Eastern railroad, and injuring several others. The reports of the tragedy are meagre and the names of the injured could not be obtained here yet.

It seems that the bridge had formerly been at Jackson, but had been torn away and a new bridge put up in its place. Later it was decided to reconstruct the old bridge at a crossing on Lost Creek, about ten miles from Jackson, and it was while putting up this bridge that the accident occurred.

## PASTOR'S SALARY HAS BEEN INCREASED

First Baptist Church Votes \$2,500 a Year to Doctor Porter.

At a business session of the First Baptist church Wednesday evening, the salary of Dr. Porter, the pastor, was increased \$500, making it now \$2,500 a year.

During the revival services \$500 was contributed for the expense of the meeting, counting the \$25 given at the Thanksgiving service for the poor.

### NEW MARBLE BUSINESS.

Golden and Flora, of Richmond, are preparing to start a tombstone business here under the management of Mr. A. P. Fisher, of this city.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early and in the Morning.

## MEETING FOR TAX REFORM

Great Gathering in Lexington to Discuss Important Question.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 10.—As the time approaches for the holding of the meeting of citizens of Lexington and Central Kentucky for the purpose of inaugurating an educational campaign which shall ultimately lead to reformation of unjust tax laws of the State, the interest becomes more and more manifest.

Prof. J. W. Porter, who is laboring earnestly in behalf of the movement, yesterday received a message from Lieutenant Governor W. H. Cox expressing his interest in the movement and stating that he will attend the meeting to be held in the Circuit Court room tonight.

Mr. W. H. Mackay, of Covington, chairman of the Taxation Committee of the Kentucky Bar Association, has also expressed his desire to attend the meeting.

### Movement Important.

Mr. W. O. Davis, of Versailles, who was a delegate to the International Tax Congress held at Toronto last year, says that he feels that the movement is State-wide in importance. Also Mr. William A. Robinson, of Louisville, who likewise was a delegate to the Toronto Congress is expected to attend. In addition, representative citizens, business men, lawyers, merchants, farmers and members of all professions from Lexington, Paris, Georgetown, Versailles, Winchester, Nicholasville and other Central Kentucky towns are expected to be in attendance.

### Mr. Bassett to Preside.

The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and will be presided over by Mr. J. E. Bassett, president of the Lexington Commercial Club. County Attorney George R. Hunt will make an address. Every citizen no matter whether he be rich or poor, is invited to attend the meeting.

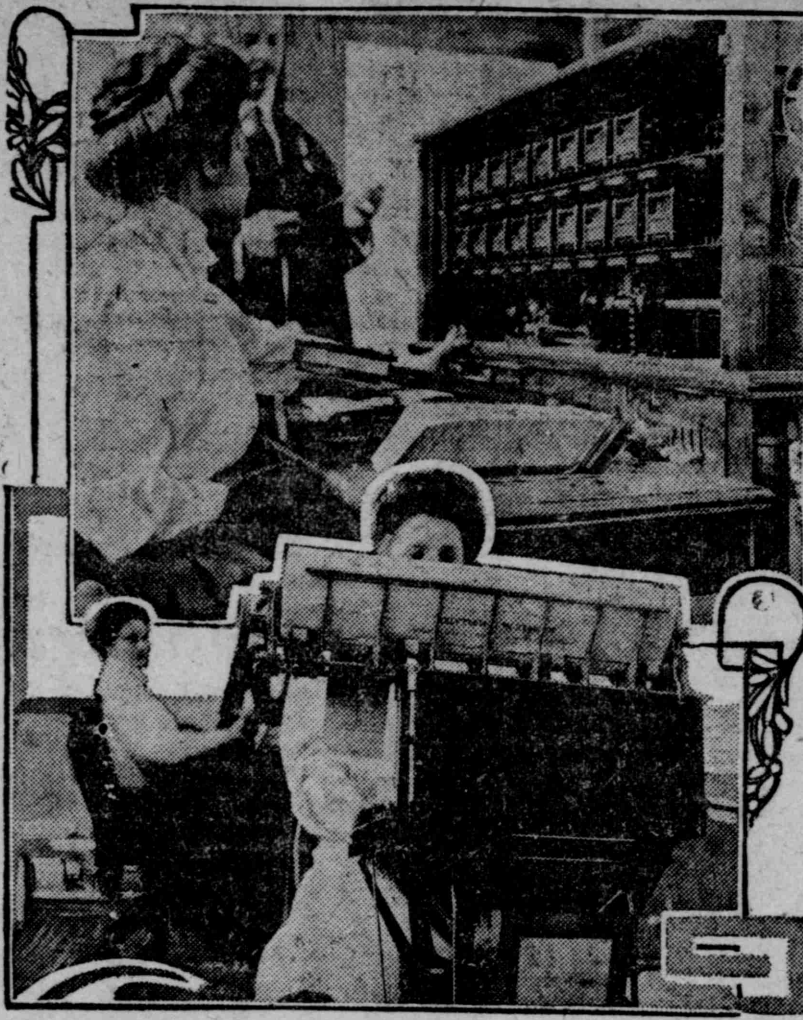
Should the movement meet with the approval of citizens generally the fight will be carried into the Legislature where an effort will be made to revise those tax laws which have not only driven capital and wealth from the State of Kentucky, but has kept capitalists and investors from bringing their money or their business within Kentucky's borders.

## LOCAL TEAM BEATEN IN BROOM BALL GAME.

Nicholasville Boys Carry Off the Honors By Score of 1 to 0.

The Nicholasville Broom Ball team defeated the local aggregation at the Auditorium rink Wednesday night by the score of 1 to 0. The game was close and exciting and thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators. The home boys go to Lexington Thursday night and then to Nicholasville Friday night.

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WONDERFUL MACHINES IN USE IN THE CENSUS BUREAU.

The preliminary work of taking the United States census is almost as gigantic a task as the actual counting of the population. The bureau has the work of the new census fairly under way already and is using some wonderful machines in tabulating and indexing the various classes of information that is to be gathered.

## THREE ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN

Great Northern is Stopped in Washington—Men Escape With Loot.

### Special to The News.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 10.—Three men held up the Great Northern train, No. 4, near Hill Yard, this State, robbed the mail car and escaped.

## PARENTS' DAY AT THE CITY SCHOOL

Many Visitors Attend the Exercises Thursday Morning.

All who attended the High School chapel exercises this morning were greatly pleased with the exercises, but were especially pleased with the singing of the pupils from some of the primary grades.

If friends of the City School would visit the school more frequently, it would be a great encouragement to all connected with the school.

President Taylor's talk on "Cuba When the Spaniards Left it" was a great treat to those present and his promise to give the students a talk on "Cuba Ten Years After the Spaniards Left it," as soon as he returns from visiting Cuba, next January, was heartily appreciated.

### Visitors.

President H. K. Taylor, Mr. H. W. Scrivener, representing the Board of Education; Mr. J. W. Womack, Rev. M. P. Lowery, Mrs. J. W. Bosley, Mrs. W. A. Adams, Mrs. Harry Tanner, Mrs. C. P. Wickham, of Norwalk, Ohio; Miss Lizzie Taylor.

## SERVICES TO BE HELD ALL NEXT WEEK.

Elder J. M. Thomas to Preach at Old Baptist Church.

Following the regular meeting of the Old Baptist church next Saturday and Sunday, there will be services each evening of next week at 7 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor, Elder J. M. Thomas. All are invited to attend these services.

### Shelter and Friends.

Whatever may be the indistinctness of the future, the groups of friendships are there; and wherever they are is a shelter and a home. However strange to us the colony may be in which they dwell, if, as we cross the deeps of death, their visionary forms shall crowd the shore, and people the hills of that unvisited abode, it will be to us a better country, even a heavenly.—Martineau.

Do your Christmas shopping early and in the morning and aid the merchant and his clerks.

## "CUBA WHEN THE SPANIARDS LEFT IT"

Subject of President Taylor's Address at the City School Thursday.

Prof. H. K. Taylor spoke to the students of the Public School Thursday morning on the subject "Cuba When the Spaniards Left it." He described the financial, social, moral and intellectual degradation of the Cuban people under Spanish oppression. He was present at the time of the Spanish evacuation and gave an account of some of the stirring scenes of that important event. He strongly praised the United States government for that which stands out as the most conspicuous national act of a Christian civilization. He said, "The United States compelled Spain to relax her grasp from the throat of the helpless Cuban, then gave her a whipping and paid her \$20,000,000 for the privilege."

President Taylor expects to visit Cuba during the holidays and promised the students that having given them a lecture on "When the Spaniards Left Cuba," he will in the near future give them one of "Ten Years After he Left it."

He expressed himself as highly pleased with all that he saw at the school, especially complimenting the music under the leadership of Miss Grigsby. After the lecture, Prof. Shipp gave a fire drill which Prof. Taylor and the other visitors enjoyed most heartily and commended in highest terms.

## DR. J. W. PORTER AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Lexington Pastor to Preach Thursday Night. Deacons to Be Ordained.

Dr. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, preaches at the First Baptist church Thursday evening at 7:30. After the sermon, seven deacons will be ordained by the pastor and church.

## 77 GRAND AND GREAT GRAND CHILDREN ON LIST.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reeves Add to Mrs. Eliza Jones Descendants.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reeves Thursday morning, a nine-pound girl. Mrs. Eliza Jones the grandmother was present. Mrs. Jones is particularly proud of her descendants. She has now fifty-three grand children and twenty-four great grand children.

### ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED.

Charlie Attersall was this morning appointed administrator of the estate of W. A. Attersall, deceased. R. O. Fitch and W. H. Garner were appointed appraisers.

## HOUSE SETTLES DOWN TO WORK

Resumes Consideration of Census Measures—Attacks Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The house of representatives got down to the actual work of legislation by resuming consideration of the bill to provide for the thirteenth and subsequent decennial censuses, which had been partially discussed at the last session.

The consideration of the bill led to a discussion of the civil service. This came up on an amendment offered by Mr. Gillett of Massachusetts, the effect of which would be to exclude from the noncompetitive examination required as the basis of appointment messengers, assistant messengers, messenger boys, watchmen, unskilled laborers and charwomen. Mr. Gillett took occasion to condemn the present plan of appointing clerks in the census office by noncompetitive examination. "These examinations," he said, "ought to be competitive, and not mere farces."

The system of appointments prevailing heretofore, and which it is proposed to continue, of determining the fitness of an applicant and then leaving it to the judgment of the director of the census to make the selection regardless of the ratings obtained, was defended by Mr. Crum-packer of Indiana, who remarked that the various civil service reform associations did not know what they were talking about when they wanted the temporary census clerks appointed in the regular way. Mr. Gillett said that the noncompetitive examinations simply were a return to "the old spoils system."

Mr. Robinson (Ark.) in opposing the amendment, vehemently declared that the "spoils system" had obtained in large degree in the days of Andrew Jackson, "and has obtained in large degree during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt." He suggested that that doctrine should not be repudiated and applied at the same time. If representatives, he said, should be required to pass competitive examinations, the high school boys would hold seats in congress.

Illustrating his point that the spoils system prevailed now, Mr. Robinson mentioned the recent appointment of Daniel Keefe as commissioner of immigration. Mr. Fowler (N. J.) was so earnest in his support of the amendment that Mr. Hepburn (Ia.) asked, "Why are you so anxious to protect yourself from the possibility of appointing a scoundrel?" "I do not care to save myself that responsibility," replied Mr. Fowler, amid laughter, "for I have no scoundrels in my district."

The amendment was lost, 65 to 119. In addition to those already named it was supported by Messrs. Cooper (Wis.), Waldo (N. Y.), Parson (N. Y.), Burleson (Tex.), Sulzer (N. Y.), Mann (Ill.), Madden (Ill.), Fowler (N. J.), and opposed by Messrs. Langley (Ky.), Hay (Va.), Robinson (Ark.), McGuire (Okla.) Wilson (Pa.) and Kefauver (O.).

### IN THE SENATE

Dolliver Presents Bill to Regulate Corporation Securities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The session of the senate was chiefly devoted to the formal presentation of departmental reports and the introduction of bills. The reports have been made public from time to time, and the bills, numbering 352, were chiefly for the granting of pensions.

A far-reaching bill for the regulation of the future issues of securities by transportation companies and telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate commerce was introduced by Mr. Dolliver, one of the authors of the railroad rate law. The bill, as explained by its author, is designed to subject the future issues of stocks and bonds by such companies to the scrutiny of the government of the United States. It is intended to prevent overcapitalization, stock watering, bond manipulation and all similar abuses.

### Find Skeleton in Hole.

Marion, O., Dec. 10.—While digging for a cistern on the M. Jacob farm, at a depth of about four feet the perfect skeleton of a man was found, the position being such as to indicate that a round hole had been dug and the man dropped into it. It is not an Indian skeleton, the bones being too well preserved.

### Girl Beaten to Death.

Russell Springs, Ky., Dec. 10.—Mamie Waune, 13, was beaten to death on her way home from school. Her assailant escaped, but is being sought by a posse, who will execute him if found.

## ASKS FOR NEW DEMOCRACY

Littleton Says Party Must Be Rehabilitated—Speaks to Southerners.

New York, Dec. 10.—Appeals by Martin W. Littleton for a national organization to rehabilitate the Democratic party and by President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton for a return to true conservatism on the part of the national Democratic party, interested and enthused 400 members of the Southern society of New York at the annual dinner of that society in the Waldorf-Astoria. Mr. Littleton's plea, definite in suggestion and expressed with intense earnestness, was frequently interrupted by cheering, while President Wilson's words were listened to with closest attention.

Mr. Littleton in his speech answered the current speculation as to the probable future of the Democratic party by declaring that its future, if it was to be one worth while, could be that only through the speedy adoption of some definite policy for which the party should persistently and consistently stand.

"You ask how shall we do this? This Southern society stands for that section of the country whose Democracy has never failed. I am sure all southern men are tired of being made to stand against things which are inevitable, and for things which are impossible, and would like to be able to furnish a good reason for your Democracy."

"Why can not this society select an advisory committee from among its Democratic members, whose business it will be to ask some good hard-headed Democrat from each state to confer, to the end that an organization shall be perfected in each state whose business it will be to put questions and get answers from the government? Where do you get the money to run your government? Is your taxation just and equal? How do you spend it? To the end that at Washington we shall keep and maintain a perfectly organized, well-equipped and courageous bureau, who shall put the same questions and secure the answers to them there."

### BIG ORDERS EXPECTED

Pennsylvania Railroad Said to Be in Market For Large Rail Order.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—The Iron Trade Review says: Positive announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad will place an order for 160,000 tons of steel rails within a few days is believed to indicate that a general buying movement on the part of the railroads will soon be started. At present, however, the market is rather quiet in both pig iron and finished products. Rumors of advances in prices of steel products are without foundation.

Iron ore shipments for the season made a better showing than was anticipated, the total to Dec. 1 being 25,245,168 tons, a decrease of 15,849,771 tons compared with last year. Shipments for December will amount to about \$2,000 tons. Earlier in the year it was expected that the decrease for the season would be about 50 per cent, while the final figures will show a decrease of about 33 per cent.

### Castro Reaches Spain.

Santander, Spain, Dec. 10.—The French steamer Guadeloupe, with President Castro of Venezuela on board, came in here. It was learned soon after her arrival that President Castro will continue on board the steamer to Bordeaux and from Bordeaux he will travel overland to Berlin. President Castro has come to Europe with the intention of settling all of Venezuela's international quarrels. The general health of the president is good.

### PROFESSORS OSERIZED

University of Minnesota Places Age Limit on Members of Faculty.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 10.—Sixty-five years is the age limit for members of the University of Minnesota faculty. At a meeting of the board of regents it was decided that contracts with members of the faculty should expire when the teacher becomes 65. The rule adopted by the regents will be applied beginning next year. At least six well known university professors have attained the age of 65 and the adoption of the rule has caused a flurry.

### Killed by Train.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—W. H. Crowninshield, 40, of Boston, Mass., said to be a nephew of Admiral Crowninshield, was run down and killed by a railway train here. Crowninshield was connected with the National League for the Promotion of Purity.

## Christmas Edition...

The News will issue its  
Christmas Edition on  
Tuesday, Dec. 15th.

It will carry many Special Holiday Features, Christmas Stories, Poems, Illustrations, Etc.

It will be the Shopping Guide for the busiest days of the Holiday trade.

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